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1. SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT OCT 4 PRESS UNIFORMLY CRITICIZES CONGRESSIONAL VOTE TO LIFT TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. AT SAME TIME PRESS REPORTS WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN NESSEN'S STATEMENT THAT NOW US CAN RENEW EFFORTS TO SOLVE CYPRUS PROBLEM, WHILE NEGATIVELY REPORTING TURKISH REACTION THAT VOTE DOES NOT MEAN THEY WILL MAKE CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS. PRO-MKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS SAYS IT WILL "WAIT AND SEE" WHAT RESULTS OF US ACTIONS WILL BE. PRO-CLERIDES AGHON CALLS ON US TO WORK FOR JUST SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM, BECAUSE US IS IN POSITION TO PLAY DECISIVE ROLE, HEAVY REPORTING ALSO OF SECURITY MEASURES HERE AT EMBASSY WITH IMPLICATION THAT EMBASSY BEING HEAVILY REINFORCED. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA CALLS SECURITY MEASURES

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"PROVOCATION" TO CYPRIOT PEOPLE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS EXPECTED GREEK PRESS UNIFORMLY CRITICAL OF CONGRESSIONAL VOTE TO LIFT PARTIAL TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. PAPERS PICK UP USG AND ANKARA REACTION TO VOTE.

3. HEADLINES: "FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF ARMS BILL FORD MAKES PROMISES; DISAPPOINTMENT IN CYPRUS" (PRO-CLERIDES AGHON). "ANKARA'S REACTION TO DECISION OF CONGRESS - NO WORD OF CONCESSIONS UNLESS ALL MILITARY AID IS RESUMED" (PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS). "RESENTMENT AND INDIGNATION IN CYPRUS AND GREECE FOLLOWING DECISION OF CONGRESS TO RESUME ARMS SUPPLIES TO TURKEY; ANKARA REMAINS INTRANSIGENT; WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED WITH INTERESTS OF NATO IN MEDITERRANEAN; EFFORT TO BE MADE AGAIN FOR RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS" (COMMUNIST HARAVGHI). "EDEK DENOUNCES US AS ACCOMPLICE OF TURKEY; LIFTING OF EMBARGO TURNED AGAINST CYPRUS" (LYSSARIDES' TA NEA).

4. EDITORIALS FOLLOW HIGHLY CRITICAL TONE OF HEADLINES. PAPERS EXPRESS COMMONLY HELD BELIEF, HERE THAT EMBARGO WAS MEANS TO PRESSURE TURKEY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS, TURKEY HAS NOT MADE CONCESSIONS, THEREFORE THERE WAS NOT GOOD REASON LIFT EMBARGO. RIGHTIST SAMPSON MAKHI SAYS US NOW DECLARED TURKEY TO BE THE VICTOR IN CYPRUS BY LIFTING EMBARGO WHICH WAS THE ONLY REAL PRESSURE ON TURKEY. RADICAL INDEPENDENT ANAGENNISIS SAYS VOTE WAS RESULT OF "BLACKMAIL, BRIBERY AND DECEIT" BY SECRETARY AND INDICATES ITS DOUBT USG WILL NOW PUT REAL PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO COMPROMISE.

5. PHILELEFTHEROS TAKES SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LINE BY SAYING CYPRUS WILL WAIT AND SEE WHAT RESULTS OF US ACTIONS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL BE. AGHON, AFTER BITTERLY CRITICIZING DECISION, GOES ON TO CALL ON US TO WORK FOR JUST SOLUTION AS US IS IN POSITION PLAY DECISIVE ROLE. SAYS IF US FAILS TO DO SO NOW NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE AGAIN THAT US WANTS A JUST SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM.

6. IN RELATED REPORTING PRESS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYS PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT EMBASSY OF FOUR MARINES AND A CYPRIOT PLAINSCLOTHESMAN ALSO LABELED AS MARINE. AGHON SAYS EMBASSY HERE TURNED INTO FORTRESS". TA NEA HEADLINES "US TROOPS HAVE COME TO NICOSIA; UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO SHOOT" AND SAYS "PROVOCATION" OF LIFTING EMBARGO NOT ENOUGH; US HAS SENT TENS OF MARINES ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS".

7. COMMENT: RE LAST STORY (TA NEA) GOC TELLS US IT WILL ISSUE CORRECTIVE TO PRESS SAYING PRESENCE OF MARINES IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND GOC AGREEMENT AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO AUGMENTATION OF US MARINE COMPLEMENT

OF TWELVE. END COMMENT.
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